

REMARKS

This Amendment is in response to the Office Action mailed . Reconsideration in light of the amendments and remarks made herein is respectfully requested.

Claim Objections

2. The Examiner objects to claims 1-7 and 20-25 because of the following informalities:

In claim 1, line 12, punctuation is missing after "comprising", and it seems that a colon --:-- should be inserted thereafter.

In claim 20, line 3, punctuation is missing after "a cutting knife", and it seems that "cutting knife" should be indented, and that a semi-colon --;-- should be inserted thereafter.

Claim 1 has been amended as suggested by the Examiner.

Claim 20 has been cancelled.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraw the objection to claims 1-7 and 20-25.

Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. § 103

4. The Examiner rejects claims 8-13 and 20-25 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Treat et al., US 5,286,317 in view of Schroter, US 3,998,119.

Applicant has canceled claims 8-25.

Allowable Subject Matter

5. Applicant notes with appreciation the Examiners' allowance of claims 1-7 over the prior art of record.

Conclusion

Applicant reserves all rights with respect to the applicability of the doctrine of equivalents. Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Respectfully submitted,
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